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In re Application of:

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SEQUENCE VARIATION
DETECTION AND DISCOVERY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is filed in response to a non-final Office action dated December 8, 2008, which set a shortened statutory time for response expiring on March 8, 2009. This submission is timely filed on or before May 8, 2009, with payment for a two-month extension of time. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendments and remarks are offered in response. Reconsideration respectfully is requested.